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27 January 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant, Research and Reports
 SUBJECT : Proposed Contract on Aerial Photography in Agriculture
 REFERENCE : Your Memo, Same Subject, dated 23 Jan 67

1. We have received your memorandum with your comments on our Design Objectives and indicating the current state of your interest in this project. There is a major difference in our approach from that of ORD in that we are attempting to exploit presently available black and white photography and not multispectral filtration photography as is being attempted by the ORD contractor. We are also familiar with the work being done by NASA and their contractors through visits and conferences and have assured ourselves that we are not duplicating any of their efforts.
2. We agree with your statement that it may be possible to develop a technique for quantitative estimation of crop production indirectly through related activities. We are investigating techniques for accomplishing this in-house here at NPIC. We also feel that it is worth while to determine if other techniques and concepts can be utilized. To this end, we have received eight proposals as a result of our Design Objectives and are currently evaluating them. If our evaluation results in the selection of a promising contractor we will notify you and ORD to obtain concurrence in our approach.

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